CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CAFC-88-06M
FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1988

Present: C. A. Ross, Acting Dean and Chair
D. Acland (Acco), M. Anvari (Fina.), M. Armstrong (Econ.), B. Barbieri (Mktg.), A. Farhoomand (DS&MIS), M. Franklin (Mana.), Z. Gidengil (Mktg.), S. Hoffman (Lib.), B. Ibrahim (Mana.), A. Kekedjian (CASA), J. Kelly (Mana.), M. Kusy (Assoc. Dean), R. A. Long (Acco.), S. Loo (CASA), G. Martin (Comp. Sci.), R. Martin (Reg.), R. McTavish (Mktg.), R. J. Oppenheimer (Mana., D. Otchere (Econ.), C. Pihl (CASA), A. Rahman (Assoc. Dean), A. Satir (DS&MIS), L. Shanker (Fina.), F. Simyar (Acco.), P. Stinis (CGSA), T. J. Tomberlin (DS&MIS), R. O. Wills (Assoc. Dean)

Absent with regrets: R. Curnew, U. de Brentani

I Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 09:35

II Closed Meeting
There were no items on the agenda for a closed meeting.

III Open Meeting

IV Approval of the Agenda
IT WAS MOVED BY A. RAHMAN AND SECONDED BY R. O. WILLS THAT THE AGENDA, CAFC-88-06A, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

V Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, CAFC-88-05M
The following corrections were noted:

p. 8, second paragraph, should read $23.3M.

IT WAS MOVED BY A. RAHMAN AND SECONDED BY T. J. TOMBERLIN THAT THE MINUTES, CAFC-88-05M, BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

VI Chair's Remarks and Questions Period
The Chair welcomed new and returning members of Council. He advised that the Pauline Vanier Fellowship for women entering Concordia's Master of Business Administration Program had been awarded this week to Elaine Theriault and on behalf of the Faculty thanked the Bank of Montreal for their support.

Professor Kelly expressed his concern over the imbalance of numbers in the MBA classes, i.e. class sizes vary from 20 to 38 while he understood that 30 was the maximum number, indicating that the situa-

may be attributed to a policy decision made at the upper level of the Faculty regarding MBA admissions specifically accepting applicants with lower GMAT scores which leads to a fall off in the quality of students. Professor Kelly stressed the need to roll back the numbers in Management classes and asked what steps would be taken to restore quality standards to the MBA program. With regard to the class sizes, M. Kusy advised that he would look into the issue. With regard to the perception that current MBA students had lower GMAT scores, M. Kusy advised that the current students' GMAT scores were the highest ever and the GPA standards had been maintained. T. J. Tomberlin clarified that with the advent of blocking sections a decision had been made by the MBA Committee to accommodate 40 students in all classes.

In response to a question, the Chair advised that Faculty elections for Faculty Council were underway and should be completed in time for the next Council meeting.

In response to a complaint about the air quality in the GM building, A. Rahman advised that he has joined the University Health and Hazard Committee so that this issue will be brought to their attention. He further advised that the Faculty Administrators Committee will meet with the owner of the building along with the University physical planning representatives, Mr. Papineau and Mr. Beaudoin, on October 5th to discuss building problems prior to the signing of a lease early next year.

A discussion followed concerning the continuous escalator breakdowns in the Hall building and the resulting danger to students and staff in case of an emergency situation such as a fire. Professor Rahman advised that other Faculties were also concerned about the condition of the Hall building and the issue was currently being considered by the Academic Services Committee. As a short term measure, it was recommended that the Faculty request the Security department to conduct crowd control activities during class change periods. The Chair agreed to notify the Vice-Rector, Services of the strong sentiments of Faculty Council and to Professor Wills' suggestion that the issue be raised at the Senate meeting scheduled in the afternoon.

VII Business Arising from Previous Meeting

VIII Reports from Standing Committees

1. Commerce Graduate Studies Committee - Nothing to report.
2. Commerce Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Nothing to report.

IX Reports from Faculty Representatives on University Committees

1. University Senate - Nothing to report.
2. Arts and Science Faculty Council - Nothing to report.
3. Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee - - Nothing to Report.
4. Senate Academic Programmes Committee - Nothing to report.

5. Senate Research Committee - Nothing to report.
6. Academic Services Committee - Nothing to report.
7. University Library Committee - There was no report.
8. Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards Sub-Committee
   A. Farhoomand advised that a reception for award recipients will be held next week.
9. Sub-Committee on Academic Computer Policy - There was no report.
10. Computer Resources Committee - There was no report.
11. Board of Governors - Nothing to report.
12. Board of Graduate Studies - Nothing to report.

X New Business

XI Other Business

1. Guidelines for Senate Evaluation of University Research Centres - CAFC-88-06A-01 (& US-88-2-D11)
   During the discussion of the document, the following concerns were noted: (1) Support of the document would support the notion of two classes of University centres with the implication that potential funding would be available to recognized centres only; (2) the criteria outlined on page 2, item II, first paragraph, are not criteria per se but rather guidelines to the components of a proposal for centre recognition; (3) the reporting/accountability mechanism, page 3, item IV, provides too long a period of time without accountability.

   IT WAS MOVED BY B. BARBIERI AND SECONDED BY R. A. LONG THAT WITH REGARD TO DOCUMENT US-88-2-D11, GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES, FACULTY COUNCIL VOICE ITS CONCERN TO SENATE REGARDING (1) THE USE OF THE TERM "CRITERIA" FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE GUIDELINES FOR COMPONENTS OF PROPOSALS FOR CENTRE RECOGNITION AND (2) THE LACK OF PROVISION FOR CENTRE ACCOUNTABILITY DURING THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF OPERATION.

   THE MOTION WAS CARRIED (14 in favor, 1 opposed)

2. Honorary degree nominations - CAFC-88-05A-02
   The Chair agreed to request an extension of the deadline for submission of Honorary Degree nominations.

3. Elections
   a) The following faculty members were elected by acclamation to serve on the Faculty Council Steering committee for the period September 1988 - August 31, 1989: R. Curnew, T. J. Tomberlin, M. Anvari.

   b) A. Jalilvand was elected by acclamation to serve on the Board of Graduate Studies, replacing V. V. Baba for the balance of a three year term, June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1990.

XII Next Meeting

The Chair emphasized the importance of attendance at the next meeting of Council, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1988, at 09:30, H-769, SGW Campus to ensure a quorum for the approval of the fall 1988 graduates.

IT WAS MOVED BY R. O. WILLS AND SECONDED BY T. J. TOMBERLIN THAT THE CHAIR'S QUESTION PERIOD BE LIMITED TO FIFTEEN MINUTES.

It was noted that the Council could vote to extend the time period when deemed necessary.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED (16 in favor, 7 opposed).

IT WAS MOVED BY Z. GIDENGIL AND SECONDED BY S. LOO THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.